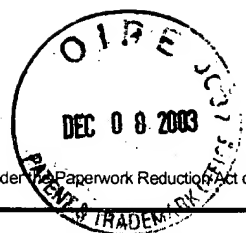


Image



1731

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	09/914,917	
	Filing Date	September 6, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	Gulvio Costa, et al.	
	Art Unit	1731	
	Examiner Name	Peter Chin	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	032301.196

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) <i>(please identify below):</i> Letter; return receipt postcard		
<table border="1"><tr><td>Remarks</td><td></td></tr></table>			Remarks	
Remarks				

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Robert G. Weilacher, Reg. No. 20,351
Signature	
Date	December 3, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.			
Typed or printed name	Susan J. Revell		
Signature		Date	December 3, 2003

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. 09/9114,917

Confirmation No.: 5975

Applicant(s): FULVIO COSTA, ET AL.

Filed: September 6, 2001

TC/A.U. 1731

Examiner: Peter Chin

Title: Sol-Gel Process for Producing a Dried
Gel Adhering to an Insert and Products Obtainable Thereby

Docket No.: 032301.196

Customer No.: 25461

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

LETTER

The above-identified Application is based on an International Application identified as PCT/IT00/00076 filed March 8, 2000, which in turn depends on an Italian Priority Application identified as NO99A000004 filed in Italy on March 8, 1999.

Applicants hereby request transfer of figures 1 to 5 from the International Application into the National Phase of the U.S. application identified above.

Favorable action on this request is respectfully requested at the earliest convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP

By: 

Robert G. Weilacher, Reg. No. 20,531

Suite 3100, Promenade II
1230 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3592
Telephone: (404) 815-3593
Facsimile: (404) 685-6893

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service addressed to Mail Stop Amendment Non-Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 3, 2003.


Susan J. Revell